

***United States Army***  
**Brigade Commander**  
**John G. Schwemmer**

**Colonel**  
**189th Infantry Brigade**  
**First Army Division West**



Colonel John G. Schwemmer is a 1995 Distinguished Military Graduate from Valley Forge Military College. His first assignment was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 506<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (Air Assault) at Camp Greaves, South Korea, where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, and Battalion Adjutant. In 1998 he was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he served as a Company Commander.

Following completion of the Maneuver Captain's Career Course, Colonel Schwemmer was assigned to the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, F Company, 51<sup>st</sup> Infantry Long Range Surveillance Company (LRSC). Subsequently, he was assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division where he served as the Assistant Operations Officer, A Company Commander, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR). He later commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment.

In 2006, Colonel Schwemmer served as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Effects within the Multi-National Force-Iraq Headquarters, Iraq. After attending the Command and General Staff College in 2008, COL Schwemmer served as the I Corps Deputy Secretary to the General Staff before being assigned to the 3rd Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. While in the 3rd Stryker Brigade, he served as the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment Executive Officer and the 3rd Stryker Brigade Operations Officer.

From 2011-2013 Colonel Schwemmer served as the Brigade Mission Command, Brigade Operations Officer Observer/Coach-Trainer and Brigade Executive Officer Observer/Coach-Trainer at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, Louisiana, before returning to Fort Bragg. Upon returning to Fort Bragg, Colonel Schwemmer served as the 82nd Airborne, Deputy Division Operations Officer from 2013 until he assumed command of the 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team in 2014.

In 2016, he was selected to serve as a Special Assistant to the Commander, Commander's Action Group, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and United States Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Colonel Schwemmer most recently served as a United States Army War College Fellow at the University of Denver in Colorado.

Colonel Schwemmer holds an Associate of Science in General Engineering from Valley

Forge Military College, a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and a Masters in Human Resource Management from Webster University.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Air Assault Badge and the Military Freefall Parachutist Badge.